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Re: New Patent Application to be filed under 35 U.S.C. par. 119 claiming the priority of  
German Patent application No. 103 40 265.9 filed 29/08/03.  
Docket No.: NI 158  
Inventors: Prof. Dr. med. Hans-Hinrich Sievers, Laubenkoppel 22, 24119 Kronshagen, Germany

Title: ARTIFICIAL HEART VALVE

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1. Specification including:
  - 19 pages
  - 17 claims
  - 11 pages of drawings
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney
3. Certified copy of German application No. 103 40 265.9 to follow
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Application documents for a utility patent entitled:  
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